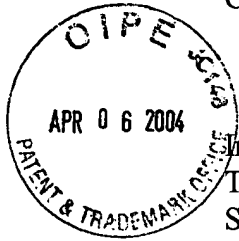


04-08-04

Client's Ref.: F1015-US

Our Ref.: KOY-24



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
T. KITANI et al :
Serial No.: 10/798,027 :
Filed: March 11, 2004 :
For: IMAGE FORMING...METHOD :

475 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016
April 6, 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In order to comply with Rule 56, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of the Japanese patent publications and English Abstracts thereof discussed in the application as filed as well as PTO Form-1449. Further discussion of the references is not deemed necessary at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,
Muserlian, Lucas and Mercanti

Donald C. Lucas
Donald C. Lucas
Attorney for Applicants
Tel.# (212) 661-8000

CAM:DCL:ds
Enclosures

"Express Mail" mailing label No. 2V40416655945
Date of Deposit April 6, 2004
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is
being deposited with the United States Postal
Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"
service under 27 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated
above and is addressed to the Commissioner for
Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Donald C. Lucas



Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449/P

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/798,027
Filing Date	March 11, 2004
First Named Inventor	T. KITANI et al
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	KOY-24

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ *Number ⁴ *Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP2002-372820	12/26/02	HAGUMU et al		
		& English Abstract				
		JP08-272197	10/18/96	KAZUO et al		
		& English Abstract				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.